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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

READING... A MAIN ROUTE
"The Man Who DOES NOT Read Has No Advantage over the Man Who CANNOT Read."
So says the Machinist, that lively weekly.

Lyle M. Spencer, president, Science Research Associates, says in an article entitled "The Way to Better Jobs" in the This Week magazine distributed with the Sunday Chronicle and other Sunday papers:

"Many of us have lazily decided that because we can keep up superficially with what's going on through radio, TV and movies, it no longer makes much difference whether we CAN read well and DO read widely. Nothing could be farther from the truth... Reading is a main route to self-improvement whether your purpose is to get a better job, to become a better citizen, or just to keep up with the world and the interesting people in it."

THE BIGGEST NEWS

"The biggest news in business today," says Spencer, "is the great switch-over from brown jobs to brain jobs... The labor market is shifting from blue-shirt employees with strong backs to skilled craftsmen and mental workers... Automation electronic machines will gradually take over the monotonous assembly line chores that semi-skilled and unskilled workers are performing. What this means to you, the wage-earner, is very plain: in the coming years, education and training will be more vital than ever before. In simplest terms, it is the reading man who will reap the profit of this new era."

It isn't only to get into better jobs that reading does so much for a worker, Spencer says, but in the skills of aircraft mechanics and electronic equipment operators, the "fields are changing with lightning rapidity, and almost constant retraining and study are needed to keep abreast of new developments."

WOODWORK VS. BRICKWORK

The rivals to reading which Spencer mentions, that is, radio, TV, and the movies, put on so many entertaining shows that there is no doubt many youngsters are growing up all about us who are not developing the habit of reading. They will suffer a grave handicap in the world of work, as Spencer indicates.

Of course, a conscientious person who has for years made his living as a writer—and if you write, you like to have readers—feels a little embarrassed at being caught dwelling upon the importance of reading. It's a bit like a carpenter saying woodwork is handsomer than bricks, or a bricklayer arguing the opposite.

Yet, after you've duly discounted this column for that reason, think it over and see if you don't think there's something to what the Weekly Machinist and Lyle M. Spencer say.

CLC Trustees Make Report to Council

The report of the Central Labor Council trustees on the financial condition of the council was presented this week to the delegates by Jack Faber, Cooks 228, one of the three trustees.

Faber read aloud the highlights of the report, then stated that the report was available to any delegate who wished to study it in detail, in the office of the council in the Labor Temple.

The report was signed by all three trustees, Faber, Charles Jones of Food Clerks 760, and W. Douglas Geldert of Building Service Employees 18.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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VACATION SCENE. Seated at the left is Mary Clough, member of Laundry Workers 2, and at the right is Millie Castelluccio, secretary-treasurer of that union. The young ladies standing behind them are entertainers at the Queen's Surf, Hawaiian Islands, where Mary and Millie enjoyed a "lani" feast during their vacation. They left here by plane July 8 and got back by plane July 24. At a "lani" feast, it seems, a pig is killed right on the grounds, rocks in a hole are superheated, the porker is laid on the rocks, tealeaves are laid over the porker, then a layer of dirt, and then after a while you feast. How does it taste? Ask Millie and Mary!

New Minimum Wage, But Not \$1.25 Both AFL and CIO Asked

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — President Eisenhower has signed into law the \$1-an-hour minimum wage bill giving more than 2 million low-paid workers a pay increase beginning March 1, 1956.

The President's signature completed action on the long-sought bill to boost the national wage floor from the 75 cents voted in 1949.

Eisenhower had recommended a 15-cent increase to 90 cents, but the Senate and House voted for \$1 and the President went along without protest.

Organized labor had urged increasing the wage floor to \$1.25 in view of the increased cost of living, stepped-up productivity and the need to strengthen consumer purchasing power.

The bill signed by the President does not include widened coverage under the act, despite his own recommendation to that effect and labor's efforts to bring under coverage groups presently exempted.

Both House and Senate Labor committees are slated to give consideration to expanded coverage at the next session of Congress.

The bill does not provide for increased minimums for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The first minimum wage was adopted in 1938 setting a floor of 25 cents an hour. It was increased to 40 cents in 1945 and to 75 cents in 1949.

23,000,000 COVERED
The act presently covers about 23 million workers engaged in interstate commerce. About 14 million workers in intrastate commerce are not covered by the act and another six million are specifically exempted by the present law. Most of those exempted are in the retail trades, service industries, agriculture, forestry and fishing and the construction industries.

The President also signed bills liberalizing benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act for widows and wives, establishing the Federal-state Salk polio vaccine grants-in-aid program and appropriating \$30,000,000 until next February 15 and continuing of Federal aid to school districts suffering from overcrowded classrooms as a result of Federal activity.

Story In Journal Pays Off in Cash

F. G. Sunday, delegate from Bartenders 52, told the Central Labor Council this week that some time ago he read an item in East Bay Labor Journal which brought him in cash income for years to come.

The item was about money being available in Social Security as of February this year for any persons suffering from a disability if the required age had been reached.

Sunday went down and saw the Social Security people, got an increase of \$27.80, and the Government man asked him to pose in a picture, later used in the Tribune, showing a letter carrier handing the letter with the check in it to Sunday.

"I told him I wouldn't mind posing a bit," laughed Sunday, "if it helped to remind other working people that there are millions of dollars lying in the Treasury waiting for persons to apply for them under this new disability clause."

CITY OF OAKLAND pay increase, roughly 5%, as of September 1, announced by City Council for most employees, including police and firemen.

BTC Prepares for Active Role In Oakland School Bond Drive

J. L. Childers, Building Trades Council business representative, wrote a letter to the BTC in his capacity of chairman of the Committee of Five Citizens which is cooperating with the Oakland Board of Education in the drive for the preparation of school bond proposals to present to the voters.

The letter of Childers to himself, as it were, was energetically taken up and acted upon at the meeting of the BTC this week.

BTC President J. S. (Blackie) Miller, acting on the suggestion of the letter written by Childers while wearing his other hat, appointed Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, and Charles Garoni, Linoleum Lovers 1290, as representative and alternate, respectively, of the BTC on the enlarged Citizens' Committee the Committee of Five is establishing.

A meeting of this enlarged Citizens' Committee for School Bonds will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, in the School Administration Building, 1005 Second Avenue.

Childers pointed out that there is serious need for active educational work on the need for the school bonds, as the last two school bond proposals went down to defeat at the polls.

Bartolini, William Vandenhoege of Bricklayers 8, Charles Roe of Hayward Carpenters 1679, C. E. Risley of Carpenters 36, and Childers discussed the inadequacies of the Field Act which prescribes the standards by which safety from earthquake hazards in school construction shall be judged.

Bartolini said that confusion over an expensive report by experts made on Oakland school management was one of the causes for defeat of a previous proposed bond issue; that the limitations of the Field Act were such that a clear and comprehensive picture of the situation with regard to "quake hazards was impossible to obtain, no matter how much money was spent on hiring expert surveys. He suggested that the next convention of the State Federation of Labor should be asked to authorize a study of the Field Act with a view to eliminating the difficulties it presents.

Instances were cited by Vandenhoege and Roe of taxpayers' money wasted in tearing down schools that really had sound construction and should have been considered earthquake proof. In other cases, where buildings were fire hazards the limitations in the act prevented proper reports on them. Risley said that in the past these various complications had much handicapped the school bond drives, that the people wished to know what they were voting for.

Vandenhoege stressed the importance of close and careful inspection. He cited the case of a thoroughgoing inspector who, he felt, was responsible for the good construction on one school, and later was relieved of his duties.

Childers said that one of the duties of the Citizens' Committee would be to go into this whole matter of the Field Act, and get the thing straightened out as clearly as possible.

GARONI SEC PRO TEM
Garoni acted as secretary pro tem, Secretary John Davy being excused. Delegate Oas of Laborers 304 acted as sergeant-at-arms in the absence of Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Stevens of Local 304.

CRUSADE APPROVED
Unanimous endorsement was given to the new setup of the East Bay Crusade, which, as a letter from the organization pointed out, eliminates separate overlapping drives.

ROOFERS' PACT
Approval was given to the new agreement of Roofers 81, providing for a 15-cent hourly increase as of August 1, this year, and a 10-cent increase January 1, 1956. The August 1 increase brings journeymen to \$2.90 per hour; the January 1 boost to \$3.00. A formant gets 25 cents additional per hour.

GAY FIRM SIGNS
The Board of Business Agents reported that W.F. & P. Gay appeared in answer to citation, agreed to sign BTC and Carpenters District Council contracts.

YARD BEAUTIFUL
Yard Beautiful failed to appear before the board on citation. Citation was held over one week.

AILING PEST CONTROL
Ailing House Pest Control Co. got in touch with the board by letter, and citation was held in abeyance pending negotiations.

WELFARE FUNDS
A letter from the law firm of

Teamster's Speech On Sonoma Outrage Moved Convention

Condemnation of the FBI and calls for total boycotting of the Sebastopol apple area rocked the California State Federation of Labor's convention program in San Diego, says the State Federation of Labor news-letter.

A fighting speech from Joseph J. Diviny, international president of the Teamsters, ripping the FBI for not investigating the kidnapping of William Grami, leader of the Teamster organizing drive in Sebastopol, stirred the delegates.

Diviny reviewed the Sebastopol situation which hit a climax early when organizer Grami was forced into an automobile, driven to an isolated area, tied to a telephone pole and chain-whipped across the back by his kidnapers. He was found hours later and hospitalized.

'OLD GIMMICK'
W. M. Caldwell, head of the anti-union California Association of Employers, issued a formal denial of employer responsibility and offered a \$1,000 reward for arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

Peter Andrade, director of the AFL Western Council of Cannery Workers, immediately branded the reward offer "an old gimmick." Caldwell's association represents the apple processing associations in Sebastopol.

Diviny said the assailants were liable for the death penalty under California's "Little Lindbergh Law."

Grami did not recognize any of the three men who forced him into their car at gun point outside union headquarters at 4:30 a.m. Labor spokesmen surmised the three were imported thugs brought into Sebastopol to crush the union.

AFL Cannery Workers struck for a contract early this month following a long delay in the National Labor Relations Board case against the Sebastopol Apple Growers Union.

NIXON AND HOOVER
In San Francisco, Gerald A. Brown, regional director of the NLRB, admitted that the growers association had tried to rig an election last year by firing 142 workers four days before an election on union representation.

Brown last October filed charges against the "co-op" directors, but no relief has been granted the AFL union since that time.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, is currently vacationing in La Jolla in San Diego county. Hoover had a social get-together in La Jolla last week with Vice President Richard Nixon, a long-time enemy of labor, is now visiting leaders in California's ultra-right Republican circles.

Convention Sought By Oakland, 1956

Oakland has its bid in for the next convention of the State Federation of Labor, in the fall of 1956.

Just before the recent San Diego convention W. J. Dykhouse, representing the restaurant tavern owners, asked Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash if it would be possible to have the State Federation convention come here next year.

Ash said he would present the invitation if Dykhouse would supply figures on how much hotel and motel space was available, how much money the restaurant and tavern owners would put up to meet the expense of the convention, and how much the city would do.

This information was supplied by Dykhouse. The convention decided that the choice of the next meeting place should be left up to the executive council, made up of Fed vice presidents. Oakland's bid stays in, for the time being, awaiting developments.

Of recent years the choosing of a meeting place for the convention has been a big problem, as with some 2,000 delegates, many of them bringing their wives, and the added number of visitors and observers, it has become increasingly difficult for most cities to handle the throng.

COMMONWEALTH CLUB
membership for the first time soared over the 7300 mark when latest figures showed a total membership of 7312, an all-time peak, a gain since 1945 of 4,000 members, and since 1935 of 4,000.

Money, Manpower Offered In Apple War; Letters to Legion

The Central Labor Council took action this week to render aid to besieged unionists on opposite parts of the continent:

1—Secretary Robert S. Ash was authorized to offer to the Teamsters any assistance necessary in money and manpower to meet the crisis in the Sonoma county apple strike.

2—Letters-to-the-Legion, already adopted as a project at the State Federation of Labor convention in San Diego last week, was enthusiastically taken up here. The letters, addressed to National Legion Commander Seaborn P. Collins, ask him to transfer the October 15 convention of the American Legion from Miami Beach, Florida, to some city where culinary workers are on strike against outrageous low pay and bad working conditions, to some city where truly American standards prevail.

SONOMA APPLE STRIKE

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, making a preliminary highlight report on the State Federation convention in San Diego, said that much interest was shown by the convention delegates in the Sonoma apple strike, and the violence shown by farm groups against unionists.

Ash said that the actions of the farm groups in Sonoma county around Sebastopol marked the reappearance of violence by organized farmers against labor, and another showing up of W. M. Caldwell, president of the California Employers Association, as the leader of bitter anti-union forces.

It had been a long time since farm groups took such action as to have a labor organizer kidnapped and beaten as Teamster Organizer William Grami had been recently, said Ash. It brought to mind the struggle Johnny Silva of Milkery 304 faced in the Modesto area some years ago when he placed pickets at dairy farms, armed pickets blockaded the roads so that the pickets could not escape, and then "worked them over."

VANDELEUR CITED

Years ago, reminisced Ash, when the late Ed Vandeleur was secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, within 24 hours after such an attack on a labor organizer as that which had occurred in Sonoma county, the Sebastopol area would have been "covered with crowds of AFL people going in to straighten out the situation."

The Salinas lettuce strike, the troubles at Crockett over sugar work, and at the Jackson mines—when such things came up, said Ash, Ed Vandeleur sent wires all over the State, and help was rushed in.

It is to be assumed, said the CLC secretary, that those who are handling the apple strike from the labor side know what they are doing, and have good plans for handling the situation, but it would seem that the least the Alameda County Central Labor Council could do, not having full information on such plans, was to offer support, both in money and manpower.

He pointed out that a very bad anti-union movement is creeping up steadily on us, with Caldwell's group of labor-haters first moving in some time ago on Clerks and Teamsters in the Watsonville area, currently doing much damage to all building trades crafts in the Big Valley, and now bursting forth in the Sebastopol country.

After Ash had spoken, a motion was made that money and manpower be offered to the Teamsters in the Sonoma county apple strike, and Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302, who was in the chair, put the motion, which was adopted with unanimous shouts of AYE!

MIAMI BEACH

Ash said that in San Diego all 2,000 delegates sent letters to National Commander Collins, P. Collins, National Commander, American Legion, 700 North Pennsylvania, Indianapolis 6, Ind.) Andrew Sorenson, Molders 164, after he had finished writing such a letter, said that he hoped the letters would have some effect, but he wondered if Commander Collins would have the authority to transfer the convention. Sorenson is adjutant of Samuel Gompers Legion Post 578.

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HERE IS THE LEGION COMMANDER'S ADDRESS: WRITE HIM A LETTER!

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Address your letter to:
Seaborn P. Collins
National Commander,
American Legion
800 North Pennsylvania
Indianapolis 6
Indiana

That is the new address to which the Legion headquarters recently moved.

can Legion to cancel Miami Beach arrangements for its convention, which is said to be the biggest convention held anywhere in the world.

THIRD SOUTH BATTLE

The CLC secretary concluded by pointing out that the Miami Beach struggle is the third big battle since efforts to organize the Old South began. Two have been won, that is the railroad strike and the phone strike; now if the current culinary strike could be won, labor unionism would be well on the way to victory in that region.

Later a letter was read from Harry O'Reilly, AFL director of organizing, suggesting various steps that could be taken by the council to assist the Miami Beach strike. This was referred to the executive committee with full power to act.

Jack Faber, Cooks 228, said that many culinary workers at Miami Beach got only 25 cents an hour, and that still others had to work without wages, and even then had to split their tips with various higher-ups.

Faber said that culinary unions in California had sent in already more than \$90,000 to assist the Miami Beach strikers, and that more money was going in; that the international union is spending \$45,000 a week running a hotel it has leased at which all strikers are fed, and lodged if necessary.

STOP DRILL TEAM!

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers, reminded the delegates that it is customary for the Oakland Police Department's crack motorcycle drill team to attend and perform at Legion conventions. He moved that a letter be sent to the Oakland City Council urging it to refrain from sending this motorcycle team to the Legion convention if held at Miami Beach. This motion carried unanimously.

Many delegates during the council meeting wrote letters to National Commander Collins. (The new address is: Seaborn P. Collins, National Commander, American Legion, 700 North Pennsylvania, Indianapolis 6, Ind.) Andrew Sorenson, Molders 164, after he had finished writing such a letter, said that he hoped the letters would have some effect, but he wondered if Commander Collins would have the authority to transfer the convention. Sorenson is adjutant of Samuel Gompers Legion Post 578.

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HOW TO BUY

The Merchants of Debt?

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

One shake of the economic tree and a lot of families now carrying a record-high load of installment debt are going to be in trouble. In fact, business-commentator Elmer Roessler reports that the American Collectors Association finds the number of bills turned over to its members for collection has jumped ten percent this year, and that bills are getting harder to collect.

Conservative bankers consider it risky for a family to assume a total installment of more than ten percent of its income. But one survey indicates that over 13 million families now are paying out more than ten percent of their income in installment payments, and over half of these (about 7 1/2 million) are making payments totaling 20 to 40 percent of income. A leading debt pooling service reports that 90 percent of its accounts, who are people in serious financial trouble, are paying on cars and TV sets.

Often the man or family that has gotten over its head in debt needs some outside help in lending off its creditors, or at least it is often panicked into thinking it does.

That's why debt pooling services have gotten numerous recently. This department previously reported that such services operate under such titles as "budget consultants," "debt liquidators," "pro-raters," etc. They charge a fee of ten percent or more of your total debt, and try to solve your financial problems by arranging regular small payments with your creditors. That is, the more honest debt pooling services try to do this. There have been cases in which debt poolers collected fees with little result in reducing the client's debt load or saving off creditors' demands.

With so many families heavily in debt, debt-pooling services are spreading fast. Now one of the largest of such outfits, operating out of New York, has announced it is opening 18 additional offices in various large industrial cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Troy, N.Y., Passaic and Paterson, N.J. and others.

This department previously advised that families in debt avoid the debt-pooling services heavily advertised over the air and in newspapers, and instead seek the aid of their own credit union and family service bureau, or attempt to make their own arrangements to quiet the threats of creditors, and if necessary, use the help of the bankruptcy courts to compel creditors to accept extended payments.

One of the older and apparently more reputable debt poolers has challenged these recommendations, and states that his firm not only has been able to help some 1,500 families in its four years of existence, but works closely with labor unions, credit unions, plant personnel, people, attorneys and such community organizations as the Legal Aid, Family Service and welfare departments. C. V. Neal Jr., of the Credit Management Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, states that some credit unions themselves have created customers for his service by lending families so much they have not enough income after deductions to meet current living expenses. He charges that much of the criticism of the debt poolers is inspired by small loan companies (who themselves promote "consolidation loans" to pay off debt-

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

IT SEEMS that women have "figure faults." The way they are built is all wrong—according to a lot of male writers and fashion designers.

The Baker brothers, Matt and Jack, girdle makers and dress designers, are doing something about it.

"Eighty percent of American women are sway backed," says Matt. But they don't have to look that way.

And so they began studying dress dummies made by a designer, Charles James, who maintained that women were not shaped the way designers thought they were.

Too many women look terrible in man-tailored skirts. But it is the fault of the designers, many of whom seem to think that most women have figures like slim young boys.

And too many women have dieted and exercised and struggled into girdles, trying to fit into these clothes.

Now these two boys come along and say it is simple. Just design the skirt to fit the female figure—a revolutionary idea!

They cut their skirts so the waist dips slightly in the back, and tapers a bit toward the hem. They have smaller waists, and bigger hips than the skirts made for the non-existent boyish figure.

You don't have to be slim to look well in them, they say. Perhaps this may herald a new era in fashion designing. Perhaps fashion designers may come to realize that women are women and even LOOK like women. Perhaps they may become reconciled to this distressing fact.

Perhaps, yes. But probably not.

What if she had refused to comply? Would her pals, union or otherwise, have had grounds for staging a walkout or a slowdown?

Suppose she used that green dye because of inner compulsion, rather than a bet? Would she become frustrated and introverted as a result?

Suppose all the other women in the factory had turned up simultaneously with green hair? Would management have had the right to order them all home because they were not showing their true colors?—Chicago Federation News.

Child-rearing

Kindergartens

Kindergartens have come a long way, both in quantity and quality, since the first one in the American public school system was established more than eighty years ago. Yet their importance is still not fully recognized by the public and many educators, it is emphasized in a newly published brochure called "Let's Look at Kindergartens."

The aim of the booklet is to help parents and others learn what constitutes a good kindergarten and what its training and experience means to the young. Copies are available for 25 cents each from the publisher, the Department of Kindergarten-Primary Education, National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Health and Poise

Elbow Room

Two researchers in Texas reported the amount of "elbow room" in a home is a major factor in family tensions but that whether mom works makes little difference.

There is more friction where the family is larger and rooms fewer, said Dr. Bernice Milburn Moore and Dr. Wayne Holtzman, both of Austin, Texas.

In cooperation with 10 Texas colleges they sampled ideas of 2,500 high school-age youths. They reported their tentative findings to 800 home-making teachers.

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OTOMOTRIST

McNamara cited the increase in the discount rate charged by reserve banks and the Government action increasing down payments provisions on home purchases and shortening mortgage terms as evidence of the renewed "crusade."

Jobless Group Is Held Still Large

CHICAGO (AFL News)—"Persistence of large-scale unemployment" in various parts of the Nation threatens the current prosperity the AFL warned.

The AFL Executive Council urged special assistance to workers in current depressed areas and action to prevent the creation of additional depressed areas.

"The Federal Government must assume greater interest and responsibility for assisting these depressed areas," said the AFL statement. "In particular, the Labor Department should take the lead in working out a coordinated program to meet this problem."

Ike Is Accused of Hard Money Drive

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—The Eisenhower Administration is staging the second round of its "hard money crusade" and saddling new burdens of usury on the millions of people who must borrow money," Sen. Pat McNamara (D., Mich.) charged.

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News About Women

Railway Women

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"They type and file and take dictation and sell tickets. They clean coaches and boss gangs of workers. They are hostesses on special streamliners or they write material for publicizing their railroads. They do just about everything but run the big locomotives."

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Delightfully young and slim, this clever style is not only easy to sew but is so versatile for a campus wardrobe.

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"Women work ruggedly on railroads as steam hammer operators, welders, ballast sifters, chefs, baggage attendants, crossing flagmen, trainmen. Give them a job, they do it."

AFL Council Says Summit Unavailing

CHICAGO (AFL News)—The AFL Executive Council declared that the democracies gained nothing in the Summit Conference at Geneva. It warned against "the pitfalls of moral disarmament," and enumerated steps which the Soviet Union could take if it actually wanted to "end international tension and the cold war."

The Russians, said the AFL, "made no concession or move (at Geneva) toward eliminating the causes of international tension and ending the cold war. Geneva made clearer than ever that the professed Kremlin concern for Soviet security is only a cover for its unceasing drive for world domination and Communist enslavement."

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Ike Is Accused of Hard Money Drive

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—The Eisenhower Administration is staging the second round of its "hard money crusade" and saddling new burdens of usury on the millions of people who must borrow money," Sen. Pat McNamara (D., Mich.) charged.

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Over the years, more and more of the "fair sex" have found jobs on the "iron horse." Now, approximately 65,000 women help keep the wheels rolling on railroads all over the country. John T. Cunningham points out in an article, "The Fairer Side of Railroading," in the American Car and Foundry Company's magazine Wheels.

He says that few of the millions of people who ride the trains have any conception of "the strategic role played by women" in the rail industry.

"Women now do just about everything, from running the entire railway to working as laborers on coal and ore docks," Cunningham's article continues. "They work as carpenters, painters, section 'men,' signal 'men' and maintainers."

"They type and file and take dictation and sell tickets. They clean coaches and boss gangs of workers. They are hostesses on special streamliners or they write material for publicizing their railroads. They do just about everything but run the big locomotives."

"Women work ruggedly on railroads as steam hammer operators, welders, ballast sifters, chefs, baggage attendants, crossing flagmen, trainmen. Give them a job, they do it."

AFL Council Says Summit Unavailing

CHICAGO (AFL News)—The AFL Executive Council declared that the democracies gained nothing in the Summit Conference at Geneva. It warned against "the pitfalls of moral disarmament," and enumerated steps which the Soviet Union could take if it actually wanted to "end international tension and the cold war."

The Russians, said the AFL, "made no concession or move (at Geneva) toward eliminating the causes of international tension and ending the cold war. Geneva made clearer than ever that the professed Kremlin concern for Soviet security is only a cover for its unceasing drive for world domination and Communist enslavement."

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

UNA, the young lady who absentmindedly got married while her husband was away at the wars, is doubtless being discussed extensively in thousands of California homes.

The daily papers give us plenty of such material to gossip about. And it's so easy to make sharp comments on the persons involved in them.

TAKE, for instance, the story told the other day in the dailies, of the man who quarreled with the girl in whose company he had been visiting a bar in San Francisco.

He left her in anger, and went home. From his home he phoned the girl—she was still there at the tavern—and told her he felt unhappy about their quarrel. She left the pay phone a moment to order another drink at the bar, some other patron saw the receiver off the hook, and hung it up.

Thinking that his girl had hung up the phone on him, the man at home at the other end of the line promptly put a bullet through his head and died.

LOTS OF COMMENT could be made on that tragic little episode. You just sit around at your ease and make lots of wise remarks about it.

But both the Una story and the phone story, if considered carefully, make some of us remember foolish things we've done ourselves.

Mostly not things that caused the rumpled Una finds herself involved in, nor such tragedies as that of the phone episode. But things we did that we don't like to remember, and perhaps should take pains to remember when we find ourselves making sharp remarks about others who have been suddenly yanked from privacy to publicity.

AFLCIO Plans Big Help to Teachers

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AFL News)—Increased organization of the teachers as an objective of the merged AFL and CIO was stressed by William F. Schnitzer, secretary-treasurer of the AFL, before the 38th annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers here.

Schnitzer called upon the AFL to increase its own organizational efforts and to work with other labor organizations and state and city central labor unions, and declared that the AFL will cooperate actively.

Merger will increase the opportunities of teachers insofar as it will increase the strength of organized workers and their means of cooperation, Schnitzer said. He said that AFL and CIO unions had wasted too much time, effort and money in fighting each other, and merger would at least eliminate confusion on the part of some of the unorganized.

Sizeable Hikes Won by Unions First Half 1955

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Unions won sizeable pay increases and improved benefits under health, welfare and pension plans in the first half of 1955 and the outlook is for even better during the second half of the year.

The AFL Department of Research reported in its monthly Research Report that "there has been a notable upswing both in the size of wage increases and in the amount of benefit adjustments" in recent months.

Typical wage increases negotiated in May and June ranged from 7 to 12 cents an hour, generally several cents an hour higher than agreed on in the early months of the year, the report said.

The wage boosts have been supplemented by "substantial adjustments" in benefits for health and welfare protection, paid vacations and holidays and pensions.

EMPLOYMENT in California reached a new high level in July, the State Department of Industrial Relations reports—a total of 5,164,000.

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U.S.-Mexico Labor Confer August 22 Import of Workers

The two men widely recognized as the foremost leaders of Latin American labor, Fidel Velazquez, Secretary General of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, and Eusebio Mujal Barrial, Secretary General of the Confederation of Workers of Cuba, will both attend the third International Conference between the unions of the United States and Mexico, scheduled to be held August 22-26 at the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, Calif.

Both men will head their respective delegations to the Conference, which is sponsored by the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ORIT). Velazquez will, however, also be a direct participant in the conference, which is concerned solely with U. S.-Mexican labor affairs, while Mujal will come as a fraternal delegate of the CTC, reflecting the growing labor solidarity between the free trade unions of this hemisphere.

American labor organizations also will send top ranking officials to the meeting. CIO Vice President O. A. Knight of Denver, who is chairman of the CIO Latin American Affairs Committee and president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union, will head the delegation from CIO.

The American Federation of Labor delegates include Serafino Romualdi, Latin American representative; Lewis Hines, Special International Representative of the AFL, and Walter Mason, AFL Legislative representative, all from Washington, D. C.

In addition, AFL State Federations and CIO Industrial Union Councils in the border areas are expected to send delegates and observers. These will include C. J. Haggerty of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer of the California Federation of Labor; John Despol of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer of the California CIO Council, and others.

The AFL National Agricultural Workers Union is expected to be represented by its President, H. L. Mitchell, of Washington, and its vice president, Ernesto Galarza of San Jose, Calif.

The Conference Agenda will include the Mexican Contract Labor Program and the position which organized labor in both countries will take at the next meeting between the U. S. and Mexican governments to negotiate a new International Agreement; development of international mutual assistance pacts between the unions along the border; economic cooperation between the two nations; and other common problems.

Civic Unity Federation Praises AFL Teachers

The California Federation for Civic Unity says that AFL workers everywhere and all Americans, in fact—owe a deep debt of gratitude to the California unit of the American Federation of Teachers for its sponsorship of Assembly Bill 970 establishing a public policy forbidding school boards of the state to discriminate in the hiring of teachers on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin.

The bill, recently signed by Governor Knight, implements the policy of merit employment long established by the top leadership of the American Federation of Labor and supports the traditional AFL stand against discrimination because of race or religion.

GEORGE McLAIN, just back from Washington, D. C., will report on the progress in Congress of the Kefauver-Roosevelt bills at a meeting of the local old age pension group in Oakland Saturday, August 27, 1:30 p.m., Key System Employees Building, 410 11th street.

EMERYVILLE PLANT of International Harvester Co. was struck this week by 250 members of the CIO Auto Workers. In Stockton at the company's plant 160 walked out. Production stopped entirely in both plants.

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Apprentice Steamfitters' Contest

By JIM MARTIN

The Second Annual National Apprenticeship Contest and Educational Conference, which was held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana from August 15 to August 20 was a big success.

This annual contest is sponsored by General President Martin P. Durkin and the general office.

Registrations which showed seven hundred thirty-four delegates included contractors, instructors, apprentices and members of the United Association and represented two hundred ten Local Unions, covering thirty-six states and Canada.

The results of the contest showed that the performance and written tests were even better than last year.

Assistant to General President Peter T. Schoemann presided over the Conference in the absence of General President Martin P. Durkin. He reported that Brother Durkin was making steady progress after his recent operation and from all indications will be leaving the hospital shortly. The delegates at the conference sent Brother Durkin a telegram wishing him a speedy recovery and advised him that due to his leadership the Second Annual Conference was again successful.

The results of the contest for 5th year apprentices showed: For the Fitter Apprentices:

1st place, Tom Tobin from Local 429, Philadelphia, Penn.
2nd place, R. Byrnskie, Local 638, New York City.

3rd place, Walter Swanson, Local 464, Omaha, Neb.
For the Plumber Apprentices:

1st place, Jack Gould, Local 3, Denver, Colo.
2nd place, Glenn Wallace, Local 68, Houston, Texas.

3rd place, David Bin, Local 32, Seattle, Wash.
Cash awards of \$1,000.00 for the first place fitter and plumber apprentice winners, \$500.00 for second place fitter and plumber apprentice winners and \$250.00 for third place fitter and plumber apprentice winners.

were presented to them at a large banquet. Plaques were also presented to the winners.

The one hundred fifty instructors present attended a six-day instructor training course and were presented certificates for conducting this course.

Daily general conference sessions were held, which included: Collective Bargaining, Financial Methods and Procedures, Health and Welfare Recommendations of the National Committee on Health and Welfare, Joint Apprenticeship Meetings, Jurisdiction Problems, and a report on present relationship with other International Unions including discussions of various methods of protecting the jurisdiction of the United Association.

The most important part of these night and day sessions were the various lectures on Atomic Energy, which also included films pointing out the important role that the United Association will play in this peace time Atomic Energy program. A few of the Atomic Energy lectures covered: Atoms for Peace, Safety and Health Hazards, Disposal of Radioactive Wastes, Pressurized Water Reactors, Dual-Cycle Boiling Water Reactors and others.

There were various exhibits covering supplies, materials and equipment used by the United Association, which represented over fifty firms and contractors.

Local 342 was represented by Bill Weber, representing our Health and Welfare Plan, Ernie Boyer, Chairman of our Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the writer, a member of the United Association Joint National Apprenticeship Committee.

In checking with the various business agents at the conference, I find that there is some unemployment throughout the country.

Our union still has some unemployment but as soon as the Avon project for Bechtel Corporation starts this situation will be relieved.

Dressing Room Chatter

Beware of Rumors, Theater B-82 Told

By JOE CONNELLY

Negotiations with the employers committee are scheduled to resume next Tuesday August 30.

It may be possible that we will be able to report on developments in the September 2 issue of East Bay Labor Journal. However, due to the fact that the Labor Day edition that may have an earlier deadline than usual.

Too, it would depend upon the type of report we will be able to make.

If it is of general news value it may appear in these columns, on the other hand it may be a matter that should come strictly before a membership meeting. It may be of enough importance to justify calling a special meeting. Only later developments will dictate what policy we will follow.

As usual during negotiations a number of groundless rumors start. One of the most usually heard is that San Francisco, or Sacramento, has reached an agreement while we are still negotiating. Conversely the members of the locals in San Francisco and Sacramento hear that we have reached an agreement while they are negotiating.

This local and the other two locals are negotiating together, as we have in the past and are committed to the same agreement.

A great deal of misunderstanding generally arises over the subject of retroactive pay. The amount of retroactive pay is the difference in the pay you were receiving on February 28, 1955 and the day the new scale becomes effective in your particular theater. For instance if you are currently receiving 92½¢ and the new scale agreed

upon is \$1.00 the difference is 7½¢. All hours worked during that period are computed at 7½¢ over what you have received in that classification.

Because Aunt Sue got 2½¢ an hour retroactive pay or Uncle John received 12½¢ in some other industry has no bearing whatever on our negotiations.

That is why we continually stress the importance of your keeping track of your hours. Don't rely on the company computations, they have made errors before both in their favor and in the employees' favor.

Printers Auxiliary 26 Meets in Albany Sept. 1

By MURIEL J. PFAFFENBERGER

Press Correspondent

The regular meeting of Women's Auxiliary 26 and Mailers 18 will be held in the home of our president, Mrs. Freda Cripps, 723 Jackson street, Albany 6, Calif. Telephone is LA 5-5286, on Thursday, September 1, beginning at 10:30 with luncheon at 12 noon.

The second reading of the revised constitution and by-laws will be made.

Those desiring a ride should be sure and contact the telephone committee.

Remember the new member contest. We need new members. According to our constitution the month of September each year is named Union Label month, so anyone having any data on any interesting material should bring it to our meeting.

Our rummage sale is to be held October 20, so please keep this in mind and start gathering and saving all your rummage. Elizabeth Fee is our ways and means chairman, TH 5-3972. If you have items to be picked up please call her.

Be sure and look for the union label at all times.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Sheet Metal Workers 216

The office of the Union will be closed Saturday, September 3, and Sunday, September 4.

Members are reminded that Friday, September 9 Admission Day, is a recognized holiday by Sheet Metal Workers Local 216.

Millmen 550

Members are reminded that there is a real need for donations to the Millmen's Blood Bank, and that for each such donation there is remission of 3 months' dues.

Those wishing to donate blood should get in touch with the undersigned for appointments with the Blood Bank.

Fraternally yours,
E. H. OVENBERG,
Secretary

Steamfitters 342

Our next meeting to be held September 1, 1955 will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of hearing reports of our Delegates to the California State Federation of Labor Convention.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.,
Steamfitters Union No. 342

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Building Service Employees 18

Building Service Union Local 18 will not have a general membership meeting in August, and the next meeting will not be until the fourth Friday in September on the 23d.

Fraternally yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,
Secretary-Treasurer

Alameda County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held August 27 at 2 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland, with the executive board meeting at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was advanced to August 27 due to the Labor Day holiday.

IMPORTANT: Future meetings will be announced in East Bay Labor Journal. The practice of announcing meetings by postcard will AN 1-9587

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLIS,
Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

The next meeting of the local occurs Friday night, September 2, beginning at 8 o'clock P.M. and how time flies, for at this meeting, the Annual Christmas Party will be discussed and set in motion.

See in another column of this page of East Bay Labor Journal an account of action taken August 19 on insurance.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Plasterers 112

There will be a special called meeting at 8 p.m. September 1 at the Labor Temple. Purpose: to act upon recommendations of the trustees regarding the financial standing of the local.

IMPORTANT: To All Members of Local 112: The business agent was instructed at the meeting August 18 to remove all men from the job who are 3 months or over in arrears on dues. So you can see, brothers, the business agent has no alternative, as he must act under a clear order from the local.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Special Notice to the Membership of the House Painters Locals Affiliated With District Council of Painters 16

The membership of the above locals are hereby advised that at a meeting of the trustees of our health and welfare plan held Tuesday, August 23rd, additional benefits were added as follows, effective September 1, 1955.

FOR EMPLOYEES: Hospital Room from 31 to 70 Days at the present rate; Hospital Out Patient, \$50.00 each illness; Doctors calls allows for 2 calls where the attending physician refers patient to another doctor; Chiropractors up to \$50.00 per year at the rate of \$4.00 per call and including X-Rays and Laboratory.

DEPENDENTS: Hospital Room from 31 days to 70 days; Hospital Out Patient, \$50.00; Hospital calls for doctor from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per call; Laboratory and diagnosis from the present \$15.00 maximum to \$25.00 maximum; Blanket maternity from the present \$75.00 to \$100.00.

Retired members will be allowed to continue the welfare plan at an amount to be set by the Insurance Underwriters. Please call your business representative for further information or your trustees.

Fraternally,
HUGH S. RUTLEDGE,
MOSE HAMMOND,
District Council No. 16 Welfare Trustees

AFL Convention Set for 7 of Every 10 Workers Merge Meet in December Cast Votes for the AFL

CHICAGO (AFL News)—The AFL Executive Council will meet in New York City October 24 to prepare a program for the Federation's convention in that city December 1.

Main business of the convention will be to ratify the final form of the constitution for the merged AFL-CIO. Once the constitution is approved in identical form by the CIO, which meets in convention concurrently, the new merged organization will be ready to open its first convention December 5 in New York.

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Watchmakers Note 'Interesting' Ads

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

For the information of the members, we have heard over the grapevine that Warren K. Billings, executive board member of our local, is to be interviewed on television over station KRON (Channel 4) by W. Ramey, on Sunday, September 4 at 12:30 p.m. We assume, due to the day, that this will be in connection with the Labor Day holiday. Bear in mind that this is not authentic information—merely information we have received over the grapevine.

We suggest you tune in just in case the rumor we have heard is correct.

I have just returned from the California State Federation of Labor Convention in San Diego and feel there is no need for me to go into detail on the activities of this Convention inasmuch as you all receive a labor paper and you will find a report in these papers.

Two interesting advertisements appeared in papers in two different areas while I was away.

One was in San Francisco in reference to a \$1.00 watch crystal price, although there was no mention of watch repairs. The other was in San Mateo and advertised a "free" expansion band with any watch repair.

I do not believe the crystal ad will appear again. However, in order to make the "no price

advertising" clause in the contract more specific, we will at the coming negotiations, rewrite this clause and include in it the words, watch crystals and watch attachments.

Relative to the "free" expansion band advertisement, I have been assured that this ad will not appear again. Not only has the owner found out that the union objects to this type of advertising, but he has found out for himself and asked me, at the time I visited him, to pass on to others that the ad produced absolutely no increase in business. In fact he said he was out the price of the ad. This, you know, has always been the union's contention about such advertising.

FOR SALE: Jewelry Store complete—Del Grasso Jewellers at 8th and Irving Sts., San Francisco. If interested contact Mr. Benjamin at LO 4-1257 or SK 1-6166. The latter number is best contacted in the evenings.

Attention Members: If you try to reach the office next week and receive no answer to your call, it is because Mildred will be on vacation for one week and I will be in and out of the office. If something important does arise and you are unable to make contact with me, drop a post card to the office and I will telephone you.

Hayward Painters 1178 Move Insurance Policy

Recording Secretary Robert G. Miller, Hayward Painters 1178, announces:

"At the last meeting of August 19 it was decided that we change our Life Insurance Policy covering us, our beneficiaries, and our dependent children, over to another company."

"This action was taken due to some financial data from our present insurance company that was read at the meeting and which presaged a considerable increase of our present monthly premiums."

"At that, there will be a small increase, from \$1.30 to \$1.35 per month for this coverage by the new company. This change will be effective beginning October 1, 1955. Members will get more information by Mail."

Bonds Paid Off By TVA Years Ahead

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (APL News)—The Tennessee Valley Authority paid off its outstanding bonded indebtedness 14 years ahead of schedule.

The authority turned over to the U. S. Treasury \$14 million, redeeming bonds due in 1963 and 1969 and completing payment on a \$65 million bond issue floated in 1938-39.

With the bond redemption total TVA payments to the Treasury from power revenue amounted to \$165 million. Additional payments for the current fiscal year will bring the total to \$210 million or well over half of the total power investment in the 20 dams in the TVA system.

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 3, Sections 3707, 3708 and 3709 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated August 8, 1955, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last addressee at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the City of Oakland;

That unless the property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and is substantially described as follows:

Deed No. 20301. In City of Oakland, Plat of the Part of the Rancho San Antonio finally confirmed to Antonio Maria Peralta et al., Per al leg on NW 1/4 of Section 34 at its intersection with SW 1/4 of Lot 1720 Forestland Heights Tract N 78° 03' W 190.34 ft to S 21° 30' W 35 ft to S 86° 52' E 120.79 feet to NW 1/4 of Section 34 NE along same 80 ft to beg. Por of Block 7314. Last assessed to Beatrice Martens et al., Donor W. Smith, et al., and Leman Winder Jr. Minimum price \$131.00.

Deed No. 58240. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1691, Block 7312. Last assessed to Laurence W. Cox, et al. Minimum price \$301.00.

Deed No. 113225. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1684, Block 7314. Last assessed to Theodore P. Dresser, Jr. et al., and Alice D. Hackley et al. Minimum price \$131.00.

Deed No. 135530. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1681, Block 7314. Last assessed to Jas. J. and Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$121.00.

Deed No. 113229. In City of Oakland, Forestland Extension, Lot 1173, Block 7319. Last assessed to Antonio Maria Peralta et al., Per al leg on NW 1/4 of Section 34 at its intersection with SW 1/4 of Lot 1720 Forestland Heights Tract N 78° 03' W 190.34 ft to S 21° 30' W 35 ft to S 86° 52' E 120.79 feet to NW 1/4 of Section 34 NE along same 80 ft to beg. Por of Block 7314. Last assessed to Beatrice Martens et al., Donor W. Smith, et al., and Leman Winder Jr. Minimum price \$131.00.

Deed No. 135548. In City of Oakland, Forestland Extension, Lot 1176, Block 7319. Last assessed to Jas. J. and Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$131.00.

Deed No. 125488. In City of Oakland, Forestland Extension, Lot 1137, Block 7320. Last assessed to Dr. John A. Clark. Minimum price \$101.00.

For information as to the amount necessary to redeem or to pay the delinquent taxes in installments, apply to Eugene V. Waring, Redemption Officer of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.

EDWIN MESE, JR.
Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California.
Dated at Oakland, California,
Aug. 26, 1955.

Machinists' Auxiliary Has Pleasant Social

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Being a social night our last meeting, which was called to order by President Opal Lawrence, who is much better now after having quite a bad time with her back, was very short and sweet.

After the meeting we were, as a special treat, shown some movies of Hawaii which our Veep, Naomi Vercelli and Sister Rose Perata took on their vacation. They were both beautiful and entertaining and were enjoyed very much by all. We are all envious of the gals, they had such a good time and now all they can do is plan to go back, as they enthusiastically say, it is so wonderful. After that we ate.

Sister Isabel Helmuth fell down those steps at the Labor Temple and broke her collar bone. Fast mending, Isabel, is the wish of all of us.

Past President Eve Hare will be laid up for a couple of months with her leg in a cast. We all hope it is no longer for it is tough on Eve to have to stay home. That gal likes to go places and do things.

Those of us who attended the council meeting were given a first hand report by International Vice President Trotta of the conference in Seattle and highlights regarding the coming Machinists' convention, which will be held in San Francisco, and our part in it.

Past President Lila and Brother George Pizl are vacationing in Mexico. I understand they will have a brand new home in Hayward to come home to. We all wish them good luck and happiness in their new home.

Sister Gladys and Brother Harry Lear are in San Diego visiting with their son who is in the Navy, and having a wonderful time, so I hear.

Past President Evelyn and Brother Roy Gerholdt accompanied by the twins are on their vacation in the southern part of the state. I understand Roy is recuperating well after losing his appendix.

ARE YOU SAVING RUMMAGE? If so contact President Opal or Past President Nellie.

ABRAHAM KOFFMAN, well-known owner and publisher of The Morning News, will speak at the August 27 meeting of the Democrats of Eighth Congressional District. His topic will be: "The Responsibility of a Newspaper in the Political Life of a Community", at 7208 East 14th street. Refreshments will be served.

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Pressmen Make Survey Of Greeting Card Trade And Learn Four Things

A survey of the greeting card division of the printing industry recently conducted by the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America, resulted in certain definite conclusions, says a press release from that union.

First, only 5% of the plants producing greeting cards are organized to an extent qualifying them to imprint the union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Second, the number of union-made greeting cards is far below 5% of the total produced each year as virtually all of the larger plants are non-union.

Third, only about one-fourth of the greeting card producers employ union labor in some capacity.

Fourth, there is a great need for organized labor to join forces with the printing trades unions in an organizational campaign in the greeting card industry.

Labor Men Will Speak For the United Crusade

Labor men who have volunteered to speak for United Crusade this fall were among the volunteer speakers for that cause honored at a dinner at the Claremont Hotel, given by United Air Lines. The labor men included:

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, Building Trades Council Business Representative J. L. Childers, George Rice of Electrical Workers 1245, and Ray Collier, director of Community Services.

More Cleanout of Fur Workers Faces Butchers

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LABOR EDUCATION

One of the most pressing needs of the labor movement is a program of member education. A lot of attention is being given public relations of unions, and ways and means of better informing the public about labor's point of view. But few unions have a planned program for acquainting its members with the history of the labor movement, its present internal structure, common phrases used in unionism, and its goal on the economic and political fronts. Too many new union members are only required to pay their initiation and dues, and take an obligation when and if they attend a union meeting.—Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno).

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ASTRONOMY

The Carpenter publishes an article, "Sure Cure for Swelled Heads," by a Toledo brother who is an amateur astronomer but is too modest to allow his name to appear." Here are the opening sentences:

When a man's head begins getting too big for his hat, nothing can restore the fit quite so quickly as a small glimpse at astronomy. The same treatment works wonders for individuals who think they are carrying the whole world on their shoulders. A look into astronomy shows how insignificant a part of the universe our world really is, so that even if one man were capable of carrying it on his shoulders, his contribution to the scheme of things would be negligible.

NO RUNS, NO HITS!

We wish to apologize to Doyle Lennier for not giving him credit for the first no-hitter in the Ravenswood Little League, to Harry Reese for putting him on the wrong team as catcher, to Terry Thomas for not crediting him as Doyle's catcher, and to the East Bay Alto Grange team for not giving them credit for 6 wins and 5 losses—must have been a busy day, here!—Ravenswood Post.

GOP DISCOVERY

Foreign Aid Boss Stassen says the United States now has a "people's capitalism." Republicans are like a kid with a new toy these days. They've finally discovered people.—Fletcher Knebel in the Democratic Digest.

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EDITORIALS

Super-Respectable State Bar Acts in American Tradition

Augustin Donovan, Oakland attorney, vice president of that super-respectable institution, the State Bar, has taken without fee the case of Al Richmond and Philip M. Connelly, two editors of the People's Daily World convicted in 1952 on Smith Act charges.

In his 26-page petition to the U.S. Supreme Court Donovan asks that the conviction of the two men be upset on the ground that neither the Constitution nor the Smith Act permits jailing of Communists or other persons for "no more than taking part in lawful and peaceful aspects of an organization's activity."

Richmond and Connelly, says Donovan's petition, "were shown to be members of the Communist Party. This in itself cannot be a basis for criminal prosecution."

Donovan told the press that his reason for taking the case without fee was the desire to implement the State Bar's resolution adopted to "reaffirm a lawyer's right to undertake the defense of unpopular causes," and "the critical importance of the case itself to the preservation of the guarantees to be found in the First Amendment to the Constitution."

Let's remind ourselves what that famous First Amendment is:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

These two Communists for whom Donovan is petitioning the Supreme Court are editors. At the time they went on trial it was difficult to refrain from thinking that while the Government didn't wish to come out in the open and shut down the People's World, some of the Government's advisors must have hoped that by harassing and convicting editors of the publication they might cripple the paper.

Now, certainly Donovan is no enthusiast for the People's World. His background as outlined by himself makes that pretty clear:

"A product of the University of Santa Clara and the Stanford Law School, and a member of a family with centuries of uninterrupted Catholic faith, my belief in the integrity of the principle announced in the State Bar resolution should be quite obvious. This case is of major magnitude to every American citizen whether he is conscious of it or not. There is only one American way of life and that always has been and must continue to be the constitutional way."

This action of Donovan's is one more encouraging sign that McCarthyism hasn't engulfed the minds of all Americans. Paul St. Sure, as we have said before, deserves great credit for standing up for the same general principle, and we've never heard St. Sure accused of being a Red! State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty and Federation Counsel Charles P. Scully intervened in a case where a woman accused of being a Communist and belonging to a union outside the AFL had been fired. They intervened because they felt an important principle was involved. And some time ago Congressman John F. Shelley did not hesitate to criticize this same Smith Act involved in the case of Donovan has taken up.

So while the zealous McCarthyites—with the implicit backing of Senator Knowland, who refused to vote to censure the Wisconsinite—have been building up their precedents of intolerance and un-Americanism, we are beginning to have a good line of recent precedents built up in this area for Americanism and the Constitution. This is good for America, and for the world, and for the trade union movement.

Millions of Families Free of Debt

Sam Dawson, Associated Press financial writer, said recently:

"Between 7 and 10 million families in this country are reported to be strictly cash buyers who refuse on principle to buy on credit. And more than half of the nation's families are free of installment debt, although some of these may owe on their homes."

The history of many of these families free of installment debt has probably been that of a young couple starting out poor and young who borrowed money for a time to get essentials, and discovered that borrowed money is not easy money, that borrowed money cost, to put it bluntly, more money. So gradually they got on a cash basis.

A little later they began putting money away in the bank, savings and loan institutions, or some depository, and made the discovery that the receiving of interest money is just as pleasant as the paying out of it is unpleasant.

So now, when they figure they will need within a year or two something costing several hundred dollars, these people actually turn up at the end of that time with the amount needed to make the purchase, plus a nice little chunk of extra money. They have the thing they wanted to buy, no debt, and that little chunk of extra money as a bonus.

Painful Blow Is Inflicted

Moral Rearmament, or MRA, as it is commonly called, has been the source of some controversy in the labor movement. Some prominent labor leaders have come out strongly for it. Others have claimed that MRA either consciously or unconsciously helped big employers turn labor unions into lambs for the slaughter by persuading such unions that they should tamely go along with the employers when what was needed was tough collective bargaining, and strikes if necessary.

But even the sharpest critics of MRA within the labor movement may feel a little sorry for MRA now. It has suffered a blow severe indeed. Westbrook Pegler in the August 17 issue of the Call Bulletin published an article friendly to MRA.

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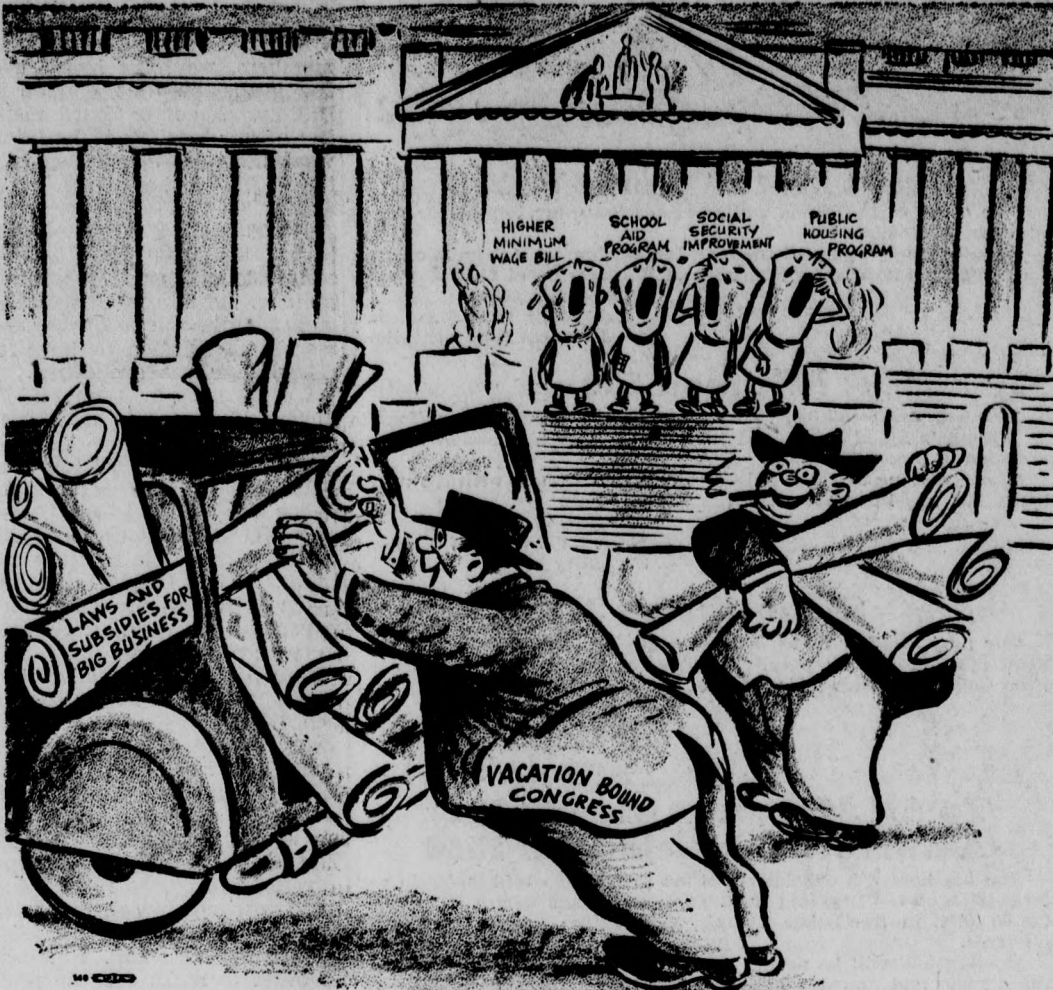
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Are You Tax Conscious? Then Read Board's Story of Assessment Boost

Alameda county is one of the 14 counties in California ordered by the State Board of Equalization to increase assessment levels. The ordered increase for Alameda county is 20 percent. Humboldt and San Bernardino have been ordered to increase theirs by 39 percent. Since labor people are increasingly tax conscious, and since there is so much heated discussion of the Board of Equalization's action, it seems only fair that a labor paper should run the following, from the board's statement:

To guarantee all Californians an equal break—a fair break—in the payment of their \$1,200,000,000 property tax bills, the State Board of Equalization today moved to minimize inter-county tax free-loading by issuing equalization orders to 14 of the State's 58 counties.

In accordance with its constitutional duty to keep assessed values on an equal basis between counties, and to prevent any county from unfairly siphoning off State school funds, the Board directed assessment increases ranging from 19 to 39 percent in counties found not to be conforming with prevalent valuation practices.

The action followed two weeks of Board sessions in Sacramento to hear evidence presented by all interested parties. Assessment increases are based on appraisals of sample properties within each of the 58 counties.

"There will be no occasion for tax increases in the 14 counties proportionate with the assessment increases," the Board asserted. "Tax rates should go down as taxable values are raised. The only factors preventing this will be shifts in State aid to school districts and in tax payments by property owners whose holdings are State-assessed."

"These are not large enough to make a substantial difference in anyone's tax payments in the counties affected." These increases are several percentage points less than proposed prior to the public hearings. At the hearings, five counties originally scheduled for assessment increases—Colusa, Merced, Riverside, San Benito, and Shasta—were able to establish to the satisfaction of the Board that they met minimum standards. Accordingly, orders affecting them were withdrawn.

"We are convinced," the Board's statement continued, "that the increases now indicated should be made in 14 counties to bring assessment practices there into line with the State-wide average. Otherwise, we would be permitting taxpayers in these counties to take a free ride on the backs of taxpayers in the rest of the State."

"More than \$6,000,000 in school equalization aid, now diverted annually to districts in the 14 counties, should go to districts in other counties from which the aid has been unfairly withheld."

"Good government cannot tolerate such inequities. They tend to destroy the confidence of the people in those whose duty it is to administer their affairs. The State Constitution

\$100 Dinner For Truman Is Planned

Steps toward formation of the executive committee to direct the Tribute to Truman banquet at the Fairmont Hotel in September were made at the Fairmont Hotel under the direction of General Chairman Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown.

Dr. Henry F. Grady, former ambassador to India, Greece and Iran, was named chairman of the executive committee for the Truman banquet at which former President Harry S. Truman will be the honored guest and speaker.

Two dinner chairmen were also named: William M. Roth, San Francisco chairman, and Leonard Dieden, Alameda county chairman.

Charles A. Russell, prominent Alameda county builder and subdivider, was named to serve as co-chairman. Russell was chosen as co-chairman to represent the Democratic party organization in Alameda county by the county's Democratic Central Committee, at the request of Attorney General Brown.

The Truman banquet will be attended by many Democrats in ten western states. Each person contributing \$100 to the Democratic National Committee will receive an invitation to the dinner. Headquarters for the affair are under the direction of Roger Kent, Northern California chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, at 212 Sutter street, San Francisco.

20 Million Women Hold Jobs in United States

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Working women constituted nearly 31 percent of the 65,000,000 employed persons in July, the Census Bureau reported, accounting for over 20,000,000 jobs. The July figure showed an increase of 1,500,000 over July, 1954 and was the first time in history that the number of women in the labor force topped 20 million.

Brother DeChristofaro's elation was short-lived however when he discovered they did not have an icewagon. As an old icewagon driver he felt that Disney was remiss in this oversight.

Brother Quinn suggested that Brother DeChristofaro dig up an old icewagon and apply for the concession.

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Auto Workers' Tract to Cut Out Commute Haul Richmond to Milpitas

Arnold Callan, Northern California Regional Director, UAW-CIO, and William H. Oliver, assistant to the president, UAW-CIO, announce that plans have been completed to start construction on one of America's finest union-sponsored planned communities.

The project, Rancho Agua Caliente, situated three miles north of Milpitas in the Santa Clara valley, location of the new multi-million dollar Ford Motor Company plant, will incorporate the most modern techniques in community planning and home construction for middle income groups.

Arnold Callan declared that the Agua Caliente project will substantially relieve the housing problem of 3,500 Ford employees compelled to commute daily nearly 100 miles to and from Richmond, the former site of the Ford plant.

The Handsome Twins (2) Of Cleaners Local 23 Start Their Own Shop

The handsome twins, Amy Hagen and Mayme LeClert, members of Cleaners & Dyers 23, and delegates to the Central Labor Council, have started a shop, called the Tu-Uv-US Cleaners, at 1717-A University avenue.

On their business card they announce that the shop is run by "Amy and Mayme, the Twins."

Amy lives at 1614 University avenue, and Mayme at 1423 Berkeley Way, both of these addresses being in the vicinity of their new business enterprise.

"We've lived in this neighborhood a long time, and are strictly union, so we're looking for business," Mayme told East Bay Labor Journal.

GENERAL ELECTRIC and the CIO Electrical Workers reached agreement on a five-year contract calling for pay increases and other benefits estimated by union president James B. Carey to be worth 40 cents an hour over the five-year period.

Johns Returns Scroll To Bill Burkett With No Thanks At All, Sir!

San Francisco Labor Council Secretary George W. Johns returned to William A. Burkett, former director of the State Department of Employment, a scroll of commendation which Burkett had sent him along with his thanks for Johns' "personal contributions to the Department's record."

Johns' letter spelled out his contribution, "either personal or in an official capacity."

"1—Attending one meeting of (Burkett's) labor-management committee."

"2—Presenting a report on this meeting to the San Francisco Labor Council."

"3—Supporting a resolution condemning your administration and calling for your resignation, or dismissal from the position of Director of the State Department of Employment."

"4—The adoption by the Labor Council of this resolution."

"5—Submission of this resolution to the California State Federation of Labor and widespread publicity."

"6—Innumerable other official actions, public addresses, published statements, and personal commentary criticising the administration of the Department under your direction."

And Johns added that the tone of Burkett's letter of transmittal accompanying the scroll "... is that of an individual completely lacking in understanding of the human rights and basic principles involved in the State's employment department and unemployment insurance program."—San Francisco Labor.

Keenan Elected Member Of Top AFL's Council

CHICAGO (AFL News)—Joseph D. Keenan, secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was elected a member of the AFL Executive Council at the summer session of the Council here.

Keenan succeeds the late J. Scott Milne, who was president of the Electrical Workers.



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